

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

### **LISTING OF CLAIMS**

1. (currently amended) A cover for a headboard or footboard comprising a sleeve having a frontal exterior, ~~and a rearward exterior,~~ and a plurality of openings to receive headboard or footboard posts, wherein said frontal exterior extends toward a bed along the front portion of said headboard or footboard and further comprises a first panel and a second panel, wherein said first and second panels are scalloped to form an open curtain swag adapted to expose a portion of said headboard or footboard; and said rearward exterior extends toward said bed along the rear portion of said headboard or footboard and is a sufficient length to cap said headboard or footboard, wherein said frontal exterior and said rearward exterior are connected by at least one seam.
2. (original) A cover according to claim 1, wherein said rearward exterior is from about 7 inches to about 12 inches in length.
3. (original) A cover according to claim 1, further comprising a constriction element disposed in said rearward exterior at about one half of the length of said rearward exterior.
4. (original) A cover according to claim 3, wherein said constriction element is located about 6 inches from the top of said rearward exterior.

5. (original) A cover according to claim 1, wherein said sleeve is comprised of fabric.

6. (original) A cover according to claim 5, wherein said fabric is selected from the group comprising upholstery, twill, broadcloth, woolens, satin, linen, fleece, Lycra®, flannel, velvet, denim, corduroy, silk, chiffon, taffeta, polyester, leather, fur, vinyl or plastic.

7. (original) A cover according to claim 3, wherein said constriction element is elastic.

8. (original) A cover according to claim 7, wherein said elastic is selected from the group comprising braided elastic, flat elastic, oval or round stretch cords, stretch lace or heavy stretch elastic.

9. (previously presented) A cover comprising a sleeve having a frontal exterior, a rearward exterior, and a plurality of openings to receive headboard posts, wherein said frontal exterior extends toward a bed along the front portion of said headboard or footboard and further comprises a first panel and a second panel, wherein said first and second panels are scalloped to form a swag; and said rearward exterior extends toward said bed along the rear portion of said headboard or footboard and is a sufficient length to cap said headboard or footboard, wherein said frontal exterior and said rearward exterior are connected by at least one seam.

10. (original) A cover according to claim 1, further comprising a decorative trim.
11. (original) A cover according to claim 10, wherein said decorative trim selected from the group comprising piping, lace or eyelet.
12. (original) A cover according to claim 10, wherein said decorative trim comprises ruffled, pleated, gathered or braided fabric or ribbon.
13. (original) A cover according to claim 1, wherein said cover is twin, full, queen, king or California king size.
14. (currently amended) A system for decorating a bed comprising:
  - a) a headboard cover comprising a sleeve having a frontal exterior and a rearward exterior wherein said frontal exterior extends towards a bed along the front portion of a headboard and further comprises a first panel and a second panel, wherein said first and second panels are scalloped to form an open curtain swag adapted to expose a portion of said headboard; and said rearward exterior extends towards said bed along the rearward exterior extends toward said bed along the rearward portion of said headboard and is a sufficient length to cap said headboard, wherein said frontal exterior and said rearward exterior are connected by at least one seam; and
  - b) a footboard cover comprising a sleeve having a frontal exterior and a rearward exterior wherein said frontal exterior extends towards a bed along the front

portion of a footboard and further comprises a first panel and a second panel, wherein said first and second panels are scalloped to form an open curtain swag adapted to expose a portion of said footboard; and said rearward exterior extends towards the bed along the rearward exterior extends toward said bed along the rearward portion of said footboard and is a sufficient length to cap said headboard, wherein said frontal exterior and said rearward exterior are connected by at least one seam, wherein at least one of said headboard cover or footboard cover includes a plurality of openings to receive headboard or footboard posts.